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Iran-Iraq Conflict

Iraqi forces twice attacked the Iranian city of Dezful on 11 February with a total of five surface-to-surface missiles, Tehran radio announced. The Joint Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces, in its 11 February communique broadcast by Tehran radio, said that 8 civilians were killed in the attacks and about 70 others wounded. An Iraqi military spokesman, in comments cited by Baghdad Voice of the Masses radio, said that the attacks against "selected targets" in Dezful were in accordance with earlier warnings to Iran to cease its continued strikes against Iraqi towns.

Responding to the attack on Dezful, Iranian President 'Ali Khamene'i gave the order for Basra, Mandali, and Khanaqin to be attacked, Tehran radio reported on 11 February. A "final warning" to residents of these areas to leave was also broadcast by Tehran's Arabic service. A statement from the Iranian War Propaganda Headquarters, carried by Tehran radio on 12 February, announced the beginning of Iran's "retaliatory attack" against the three designated cities. A spokesman for the Armed Forces General Command, in a statement cited by Baghdad Voice of the Masses, reported the new Iranian attack and promised that, unless this "ally of Zionism" desists from its "frivolous policy," Iraq will "exhaust it and run it into the ground."

The Iraqi Armed Forces General Command Communique for 12 February, broadcast by Baghdad radio, reported "successful and effective" strikes against Bandar-e Khomeyni and the petrochemical complex there. In response to the shelling of Iraqi cities, Iraq intensified its bombardment of the southern Iranian port cities, with artillery and air strikes hitting targets in Abadan and Gilan-e Gharb, the communique added. Fifteen residents of Abadan were killed in the attack and more than 90 others wounded, while 30 residents were wounded in Gilan-e Gharb, Tehran radio reported.

In another development, Iranian forces penetrated 15 km inside Iraqi territory and captured important heights in the Darband region south of Marivan, a communique of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps broadcast by Tehran radio on 11 February announced. Iraqi and foreign residents of this region were requested to leave so as not to be hurt in the event of shelling, the communique added.

Iranian Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi, in comments reported by Tehran radio, said that the Darband hydroelectric dam is now within artillery range. An Iraqi military commander, however, in a statement to INA denied the existence of any Iranian movements in this area and ridiculed Iranian claims of an advance inside Iraqi territory as nothing but "nonsensical" statements reflecting the collapse of enemy morale.

Lebanon

Military/Security Situation — Israeli aircraft raided "terrorist" bases and artillery pieces in the Bhamdun area on 10 February, IDF Radio announced. The raid was not connected with current events in Beirut but was in line with Israel's policy of not allowing the "terrorists" to reorganize in places they abandoned during the 1982 Israeli operation, according to security sources cited by the radio. Voice of Lebanon radio confirmed that Israeli planes raided Palestinian targets, but a Syrian military spokesman cited by Damascus radio said the air raid caused civilian casulties. The following day, in a statement broadcast by Damascus television, a Syrian military spokesman claimed that Syrian air defenses in the Lebanese mountains "confronted" U.S. F-14 aircraft overflying the area, forcing them out to sea.

As for the situation in the capital, Beirut radio said the city was relatively calm over the weekend despite continued clashes along the contact lines between the eastern and western sectors. The Museum road linking the two halves of Beirut was reopened 12 February after French troops deployed on both sides of the crossing point, Paris radio noted. Contacts are also under way to allow the port to resume operations so that supplies can reach all areas, according to official sources cited by Beirut radio.

The clandestine Voice of the Mountain radio ascribed the calm in West Beirut to the Amal Movement's strict security measures, reporting that Amal executed one of its own members for contravening instructions. The radio accused the Lebanese Army of kidnapping Iranian diplomats in the city on 10 February, while Voice of Lebanon reported that gunmen kidnapped a U.S. professor working at the American University of Beirut. In another development, Voice of the Mountain asserted that Phalangist forces have left the eastern city of Zahlah in response to the demands of the National Salvation Front (NSF) and Amal.

Political Developments — President Amin al-Jumayyil, in remarks reported by Beirut radio on 13 February, announced that he is "studying" the agreement with Israel and wants to form a government which will represent all of the conflicting sides. At the forthcoming National Dialogue Conference, the president will propose a reform program calling for the creation of a senate and for proportional parliamentary representation for Christians and Muslims, AFP disclosed in a related report. Al-Jumayyil had earlier conferred with Saudi mediator Rafiq al-Hariri, who came to Beirut with another draft plan to resolve the crisis, Beirut radio noted. However, Voice of the Mountain viewed Al-Jumayyil's proposals as a "desperate attempt" to retain the presidency in spite of the "massacres" he perpetrated. Although a 10 February NSF statement broadcast by Damascus television did not mention Al-Jumayyil, Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) leader Walid Junblatt reaffirmed his demand for Al-Jumayyil's resignation in a Radio Monte Carlo interview the same day.

French President Francois Mitterrand announced in an interview reported by AFP that French troops will remain in Beirut, though he said the Multinational Force should be replaced by UN troops to avoid further massacres. Syrian Defense Minister General Mustafa Talas told an Austrian magazine that Syria agrees to the stationing of UN forces in Lebanon provided the IDF withdraws from Lebanon and Lebanon abrogates its agreement with Israel, according to Radio Monte Carlo. In remarks reported by Jerusalem radio, Prime Minister Yitzhaq Shamir warned Al-Jumayyil that if Lebanon abrogates the agreement with Israel, this will free Israel of its undertakings in the agreement, including its commitment to maintain Lebanon's full sovereignty. The Israeli Cabinet subsequently stressed that Syrian efforts to secure the abrogation of the Lebanese-Israeli agreement prove its importance, Jerusalem television noted.

PLO Affairs

PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat left San'a' on 10 February after talks with the YAR president and arrived in Tunis on 11 February, San'a' and Tunis radios reported. On 12 February 'Arafat left Tunis for a short visit to Algiers before going to Moscow to attend the funeral of Soviet leader Yuriy Andropov, AFP stated citing WAFA.

Meanwhile, Fatah Central Committee member Salah Khalaf received a message from the Soviet leadership inviting Fatah Central Committee members to visit Moscow for consultations, Algiers Voice of Palestine radio announced. PLO Executive Committee member Faruq Qaddumi will visit Cairo "within the coming days," MENA announced citing the 11 February issue of *AKHBAR AL-YAWM*.

Inter-Arab Affairs

Mubarak's Activities — Egypt and Libya have agreed to stop concentrating military forces along their common border, KUNA reported on 12 February citing an "Arab diplomatic source" in Rabat. The agreement was reached between President Husni Mubarak and a Libyan envoy during talks arranged by the Moroccan Government, the source added. According to the source, the Libyan envoy told Mubarak that his country does "not object" to Egypt's return to the Arab fold provided the return takes place on a "clear basis."

Meanwhile, Mubarak and French President Francois Mitterrand held talks in Paris on 11 February on the Lebanese crisis, the Palestinian question, and bilateral relations, MENA reported. Mubarak was also received by Jordan's King Husayn in Washington on 12 February and was the king's dinner guest the same evening, Amman radio reported.

Syrian-Libyan Meeting — Syrian Foreign Minister 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam and Libyan Staff Major 'Abd as-Salam Jallud held talks in Damascus on 12 February which centered on the current Arab situation, Damascus television said.

PDRY Leader in Syria — Talks began in Damascus on 12 February between the visiting chairman of the Supreme People's Council in the PDRY, 'Ali Nasir Muhammad, and Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad, Damascus television reported.

Egypt

Egyptian authorities have refused to allow U.S. nuclear vessels to pass through the Suez Canal, SUNA reported from Cairo on 11 February.

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Leaders Comment on Soviet President's Death

BK101616 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 10 Feb 84

[Text] A 3-day state mourning will be observed throughout the country from tomorrow as the mark of respect to the Soviet president, Mr Yuriy Andropov. An official announcement in New Delhi today said flags will fly at half-mast on all government buildings. There will be no official entertainment during the period of mourning.

President Giani Zail Singh has expressed his profound grief at the death of Mr Andropov. In a message to the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, he described Mr Andropov as a world statesman and good friend of India. Giani Zail Singh said during the period of his office his qualities of statesmanship and dedication to peace became evident. His good will toward India found vivid expression in further strengthening the close and friendly ties between the two countries. The president said the people of India deeply mourn this loss.

Expressing her profound grief at the death of Mr Andropov, Mrs Gandhi said India has lost a true friend. He did much to promote and expand the India-Soviet friendship and we had looked forward to receiving him in India. The prime minister described Mr Andropov as statesman of high stature. During the period of his leadership of the Soviet Union he gave evidence of his dynamism, patriotism, and dedication to the welfare of the Soviet people. In the international field, he will be remembered for the many initiatives he proposed to contain the nuclear arms race. Mrs Gandhi said although she had met Mr Andropov only once, they were in touch regularly on international problems and bilateral cooperation.

The home minister, Mr P.C. Sethi, said the world has lost a great statesman and India a sincere friend. The information and broadcasting minister, Mr Bhagat, said in this hour of grief the Indian people are with the people of the Soviet Union.

The Communist Party of India has said that it is an irreparable loss, not only for the Soviet Union but also for the entire mankind. In a statement, the National Council of the party said Mr Andropov had been a great friend of India. The CPI-M said the death of Mr Andropov is a great loss to the world communist movement and forces of peace. In a statement in New Delhi, the Politburo of the party praised Mr Andropov's efforts to avert the dangers of nuclear war.

The Congress-I working president, Mr Kamalapati Tripathi, said in Mr Andropov's death, India has lost a true friend and the Nonaligned Movement a staunch supporter.

The veteran communist leader, Mr S.A. Dange, said in Bombay that the death of Mr Andropov is a severe blow to the world communist movement.

The general secretary of the All-India Forward Block, Mr Chitta Basu, said that the Soviet leader was a friend of India. In his condolence message, Mr Jyoti Basu, has said that the death of President Andropov is a great loss to the cause of socialism, humanity, and peace. The Tripura chief minister, Mr Nripen Chakroborty, says in Mr Andropov's death the socialist countries have lost one of their trusted leaders and India one of her best friends.

The Jammu and Kashmir chief minister, Dr Farooq Abdullah, has described Mr Andropv as a strong pillar of the India-Soviet friendship and an outstanding advocate of peace.

Organizations Send Condolences

BK111658 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 11 Feb 84

[Text] Several organizations of the country have expressed condolences over the death of the Soviet leader. The Indian National Trade Union Congress president, Mr N.K. Bhat, described his death as a great loss to the forces of peace and Indo-Soviet friendship.

The Janata Party president, Mr Chandra Shakhar, described his death as a rude shock to the people of India who valued the time-tested friendship with the Soviet people. The vice president of the Baharatiya Janata Party, Mr Bhandari, said the passing away of Mr Andropov is a grievous blow as he was making earnest efforts for world peace and disarmament. The All-India Peace and Solidarity Organization described him as a staunch fighter for peaceful coexistence among nations. The Friends of the Soviet Union, in a resolution, said India has lost a trusted and steadfast friend. The general secretary of the All-India Communist Party, Acharya Dipankar, said India has lost its best well-wisher.

Gandhi Departs for Moscow

BK131559 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 13 Feb 84

[Text] The prime minister, Mrs Gandhi, left for Moscow this evening to represent India at the funeral. The delegation includes the external affairs minister, Mr Narasimha Rao; Mr G. Parthasarathy; and the foreign secretary, Mr Rasgotra.

Maqbool Butt Executed 11 February

BK110854 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 11 Feb 84

[Text] Mohammad Maqbool Butt was executed in New Delhi this morning. He was sentenced to death in 1968 for the murder of a Criminal Investigation Department inspector, but he escaped. He was again sentenced to death in 1976 for killing a bank manager.

AFP on Protests, Reaction

BK110859 Hong Kong AFP in English 0838 GMT 11 Feb 84

[Text] New Delhi, Feb 11 (AFP) — Kashmiri Liberation Front (KLF) leader Mohammed Maqbool Butt was hanged here today as several incidents broke out in tense Kashmir state between security forces and residents protesting the execution.

Mr. Butt, a 50-year-old former teacher and founder of the KLF in the 1960's, was hanged in New Delhi's Central Prison on charges of murdering two Indian security agents, robbing a bank and hijacking an airliner between 1960 and 1971.

Indian security forces in Kashmir, a predominantly Moslem territory over which Pakistan and India have fought two wars since 1947, were placed on full alert yesterday amid fears that Mr. Butt's execution would spark violent demonstrations and possible attacks by Kashmiri separatists.

A United Nations negotiated cease-fire in 1949 divided Kashmir, giving one-third to Pakistan and two-thirds to India.

Residents in several districts of Indian Kashmir carried out a strike today in protest against the execution, the PRESS TRUST OF INDIA (PTI) reported. The Bar Association in the Kashmiri district of Pulwama had decided yesterday to boycott all court activity today as a "mark of respect" for Mr. Butt.

Several dozen activists of the Islamic party, Jamiat-I-Tulba, were arrested as they forced shopowners in the state to close their stores in response to the execution, press reports said.

Today's execution came nearly a week after an Indian diplomat was kidnapped and murdered in Britain by members of the Kashmiri Liberation Army, which police here say has ties to the KLF.

The kidnappers had demanded one million pounds (1.4 million dolars) in ransom and freedom for Mr. Butt in exchange for the diplomat, Ravindra Mhatre.

Five days after the murder, Indian President Giani Zail Singh, signed the order for Mr. Butt's execution, and the Indian Supreme Court upheld the order yesterday.

Meanwhile baton-wielding police in Anantnag, the main district in Southern Kashmir close to the Butt family village, broke up one gathering of protesters amid of [as received] shower of stones, but no injuries were reported, PTI said.

Police and army troops in the strategic area of Poonch, near cease-fire zone between Indian and Pakistani Kashmir, joined forces to battle a violent blaze which completely destroyed several government buildings, PTI said.

The origin of the fire was not immediately known, but there was no indication linking the blaze with the current political unrest, the agency added.

PTI also reported the arrest today of Mr. Butt's brother, Ghulam Nabi Butt, who was expected to arrive here yesterday to spend the last few hours with the condemned man.

No reason was given for the arrest, which occurred in the Kashmiri city of Srinagar. Mr. Ghulam Butt had wanted to take his brother's body back to the family village of Tregham, 1,600 kilometers (990 miles) from here and 50 kilometers (30 miles) from the cease-fire zone.

Meanwhile, police sources here quoted by the local press today said that young Kashmiri activists attempted to kidnap the Kashmiri wife and children of the Indian secretary of state for information late yesterday, in an apparent bid to hold up the execution. The family escaped unharmed, the reports said.

Some incidents were also reported yesterday in Pakistan, where riot police used batons to disperse a demonstration outside the Indian Embassy against Mr. Butt's execution, arresting 25 people, press reports said.

The *HINDUSTAN TIMES* yesterday quoted a politician considered close to the KLF in Islamabad, Sardar Mohammad Ibrahim, as warning India that there would be serious consequences if it went through with Mr. Butt's execution.

Protesters in half a dozen cities in Pakistani Kashmir also demonstrated yesterday against the execution, press reports said.

Attack on Consulate in Karachi Noted

BK120336 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 12 Feb 84

[Text] The Indian Consulate in Karachi was attacked again yesterday by supporters of the so-called Kashmir Liberation Front. Extensive damage has been caused to the flat car [as heard] of the consul general. Three Indian officials and the driver escaped unhurt. The Indian Airlines office in Karachi was also stormed. The glass doors and wall of the office were smashed.

Kashmir Front Says Srinagar Highway Mined

BK130545 Hong Kong AFP in English 0540 GMT 13 Feb 84

[Text] New Delhi, Feb 13 (AFP) — The Kashmir Liberation Front (KLF), a London-based organization demanding "independence" for Kashmir has said its members have planted "time bombs" on the national highway linking the state capital Srinagar with the rest of India, the UNI news agency said today.

Posters printed in English have appeared in the sensitive border state warning people not to travel by the road for nine days from yesterday, UNI said quoting official sources.

UNI said that the Indian intelligence department had definite information that subversive elements would try to create violent incidents during the coming week.

The posters appeared after the co-founder of the front, Mohammed Maqbool Butt, was hanged in a New Delhi prison last Saturday. Mr Butt was sentenced to death for killing an Indian intelligence agency and a doctor in Kashmir.

His execution came days after the abduction and murder of an Indian diplomat in Britain. The Kashmir Liberation Army (KLA) had claimed credit for the diplomat's killing.

The 300-kilometre (180-mile) highway is the only link between Kashmir and India. Both India and Pakistan claim Kashmir and the two neighbours have fought two wars over it. The two armies are currently separated by a ceasefire line.

Akali Dal Accepts Tripartite Talks Offer

BK130304 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 13 Feb 84

[Text] The Akali Dal has accepted the invitation of the union home minister, Mr Sethi, to resume tripartite talks tomorrow for the solution of the Punjab problem. The decision of the Akali Dal high command was announced by a party spokesman, Mr Balwant Singh Ramuwalia, after over 3 hours of meeting in Amritsar last night. The Akali high command has appointed a 5-member team to represent the party at the talks. The team will consist of the former Punjab chief minister, Mr Prakash Singh Badal, the Shriomani Gurdwara Prabandhak [Sikh Temple management] Committee president, Mr G.S. Tohra; the former union agriculture minister, Mr Surjit Singh Barnala; the former Punjab minister, Mr Balwant Singh; and the Akali Dal Talwandi group acting president, Mr Randhir Singh Chima.

Peace March Staged at U.S. Consulate in Bombay

BK120600 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 12 Feb 84

[Text] The Bombay citizens committee for peace, nonalignment, and national integration yesterday took out a peace march from August Kranti Maidan [revolution ground] to the U.S. Consulate in South Bombay. The peace marchers demanded that the United States should resume negotiations for disarmament and stop arming Pakistan.

Soviet President's Death Announced

BK101540 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 10 Feb 84

[Excerpts] We announce with regret that Soviet President Yuriy Andropov has died. He was 69.

It may be recalled that President General Mohammad Ziaul Haq wasone of the world leaders who met with Mr Andropov during the last rites of President Brezhnev in Moscow. Later, President Gen Mohammad Ziaul Haq described the atmosphere at the talks as very cordial. Both leaders had exchanged views on many world issues. After the meeting, progress was made in connection with efforts to find a peaceful solution to the Afghanistan issue through negotiations.

During Mr Andropov's leadership, objective economic cooperation in various sectors between Pakistan and the Soviet Union continued. During Mr Andropov's tenure in office, the supply of essential equipment for Pakistan's steel mills was speeded up. This project will be completed by the middle of this year. During Finance Minister Ghulam Ishaq Khan's recent visit to Moscow, an important plan was signed for the construction of a thermal power station. In addition, the Soviet leaders are considering two other proposals including the Kalabagh Dam and the Chashma right bank canal projects.

Zia Expresses Condolences

BK101724 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 10 Feb 84

[Text] President Mohammad Ziaul Haq has expressed profound condolence on the death of Mr Andropov. In a message to the Soviet leaders, he said that they in Pakistan followed with close attention his efforts to improve the quality of life in the Soviet Union. They share the grief of the people of the Soviet Union in mourning the loss of the [word indistinct] leader. The president said that he was impressed by Mr Andropov's concern for the cause of peace in the world and in particularly the well being and stability of their region when he met him in Moscow in November 1982. He said that the political vision and sagacity of Mr Andropov left a lasting impression on him. The president extended sincere sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

President Mohammad Ziaul Haq is expected to attend the funeral of late Mr Andropov.

President Visits Embassy

BK111029 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 11 Feb 84

[Text] The president visited the Soviet Embassy in Islamabad this morning and offered condolence to the Soviet ambassador on the death of the Soviet leader. The president also signed the condolence book opened on the death of the Soviet president. The federal minister for information and broadcasting, Raja Mohammad Zafarul Haq, also visited the Soviet Embassy in Islamabad and signed the codolence book.

Flag To Fly at Half-Mast

BK121055 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 12 Feb 84

[Text] The Pakistani flag will fly at half-mast on all government buildings tomorrow and the day after as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Soviet president, Mr Yuriy Andropov.

President Leaves for Funeral

BK131027 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 13 Feb 84

[Text] The president, General Mohammad Ziaul Haq, left Islamabad this afternoon for Moscow to attend the funeral of the late president, Yuriy Andropov. The funeral of the late president, Yuriy Andropov, is taking place tomorrow.

The president is accompanied by the foreign minister, Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, and the foreign secretary, Mr Niaz A. Naik.

Zia Comments on Nuclear Technology, Maqbool Butt

BK131545 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 13 Feb 84

[Text] General Mohammad Ziaul Haq has reaffirmed that Pakistan's acquisition of nuclear technology is solely for peaceful purposes. He told newsmen prior to his departure for Moscow at Islamabad airport this afternoon that Pakistan does not intend to use nuclear technology for anything other than peaceful purposes. The president said that Pakistan has the right to acquire this technology, and there should not be any doubt in this regard. The president said this while referring to reports which have been published recently in newspapers attributing them to Pakistani nuclear scientist Dr Abdul Qadir Khan. The president said the newspapers should act carefully when national interests are concerned, and the text should not be published in a distorted manner.

In reply to a question on the execution of the Kashmiri leader, Maqbool Butt, in India, the president said that the death of Maqbool Butt has deprived the Kashmiri people of a freedom-loving person, and he has full sympathy with them. He said the vacuum created by the death of Maqbool Butt will be filled by the Kashmiri people.

Martial Law Order Bans Sind Student Unions

BK111600 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 11 Feb 84

[Text] The Sind martial law administrator has issued Martial Law Order No 227 which comes into force with immediate effect and will be applied throughout the province. Under the order, all student unions, federations, and other such organizations have been banned with immediate effect. Offices of all student unions, federations, and other such organizations will be sealed, all the documents and materials of these offices will be confiscated, and all their funds will be frozen. Anybody holding funds and accounts of student unions, federations, or other such organiza-

tions should notify the concerned heads of the educational institutions or the district magistrate within 7 days. Under the order, the heads of educational institutions are empowered to expel any student from the institutions or restrict the entry of any person into the premises of educational institutions or hostels. Any student may file petition against expulsion or restriction from any educational institution to the Sind martial law administrator or any person authorized by him in this connection within 15 days.

The order further adds that a student council may be set up in any educational institution and this council will function in accordance with the regulations issued periodically by the Sind Government.

Violation of this order is punishable by a sentence of 5 years rigorous imprisonment the confiscation of property, or a fine.

Hashemi-Rafsanjani Stresses Right To Retaliate

LD101353 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 10 Feb 84

[Excerpts] The University of Tehran and the surrounding streets today were the scene for the participation of a large number of Muslim and revolutionary people of Tehran and foreign guests taking part in the 10 Days of Dawn celebrations in the Friday prayers which were led by Hojjat ol-Eslam val-Moslemin Hashemi-Rafsanjani.

At the beginning of his second sermon, referring to the great transformation which has come about in the battlefields,Hojjat ol-Eslam val-Moslemin Hashemi-Rafsanjani said: If Saddam had not attacked Iran, there would be no war. We had no intention of starting a war. However, he did attack Iran and the war has been brought to the present juncture. Iran's decision to retaliate in kind and to hit Iraqi cities is a matter of great significance.

Talking about the importance of this decision, Hojjat ol-Eslam Hashemi-Rafsanjani added: Iran has more than 1,200 km of common borders with Iraq and along the entire length of the border the guns of the Armed Forces and Guards Corps can shell Iraqi territory. Also, the Iraqi cities which are within the range of the artillery fire of our Armed Forces are very important. Iraq's sensitive areas are situated in the east and the center of that country. Even Baghdad itself is not far removed from the fire range of our artillery. Basra, Al-'Amarah, Abu Gharib, Mandali, Khanaqin, Darband-i Khan, Shanidari, Sayyid Sadiq, Halabjah, and many surrounding towns and all villages and fertile areas, oil centers, factories, and Iraq's important dams, which are all sensitive targets, are within the fire range of our artillery. If we want to smash these areas every day we are able to do so. Saddam has acted in such a way that by all political, religious, military, and moral yardsticks it is our right to retaliate in kind if necessary.

Continuing his speech, Hojjat ol-Eslam val-Moslemin Hashemi-Rafsanjani said: [Begin recording] In the past, the Iraqis engaged in isolated operations. When they were defeated somewhere, then in order to boost the morale of their soldiers they would launch a missile or a few missiles or destroy some industrial targets. We endured these isolated acts in order to honor the message of the revolution and to show our consideration to the Iraqi people. We received messages from the people of Basra, saying: You can hit Basra because we hezbollahis in Basra would be happy even if we are killed. Some of the people who come to us from Iraq tell us that the Iraqis are now ready for us to respond to this crime and savagery and that they will endure it. The ground has been prepared, the world has realized and all the people have realized that it was Saddam who attacked civilians. We respected the principle of not attacking civilians in the war. So far, we do not have one civilian prisoner, while you see that all the prisoners who are released by Iraq are old men that were captured 40 [as heard] years ago, the people who were captured in the villages and taken away.

Today, the people have realized these things. The issues have become clear to them. Our message has been made clear. Our adherence to human principles and to moral principles in connection with the war and other issues have been made clear. Today the world knows that Saddam started this adventurism and made this announcement.

All the conditions are prepared for us so that now, without any social damage, or military damage, or Islamic damage or moral damage, we can retaliate. On the contrary, now is the time for us to reveal the attribute of God as the avenger; now is the time to demonstrate the mighty force of Islam; now is the time to act in accordance with the divine injunction to be harsh to the nonbelievers, merciful to one another. This is the point we have now reached.

However, we have reached this point, we made this announcement, we unsheathed our sword and we took up our weapon at a time when no one can any longer tell us why we did so. [as heard] In fact, we are told why we did not do so earlier. If we can be blamed, we may be blamed for not having retaliated earlier, but my explanations are replies to this criticism. Now if we decide to hit Iraqi cities, our retaliation will not be limited only in the event Iraq shells our cities. If Iraq decides to sink some ships,we may also shell Iraqi cities. If Iraq decides to hit Khark, we can again do the same.

Yesterday we received a copy of a secret telegram which was sent from the Iraqi president's office to the industrial centers in Basra. This telegram says: Urgent, urgent, urgent. All industrial centers are dutybound to empty their stores as soon as possible. They should remove big cranes, they should evacuate sensitive areas, nothing should be left there. They should inform the president's office of the results as soon as possible.

Now see the trouble which Saddam has created for himself. How difficult it is for the people who are engaged in war to evacuate hundreds of factories, to empty hundreds of stores, the cranes and so on. See what a situation he has brought about for himself at his own hand. With his own hands he unseathed our sword. The world has been served with an ultimatum. As committed Muslims who are dedicated to moral principles and even to international norms, we can retaliate in kind, and this retaliation will be of enormous benefit to us in the war. Even were it not for that, these days we were determined to have a more serious approach toward the war. We hope that we can rid the region of the evils of this war which was imposed on us.

Iraqis Warned To Evacuate, Cities Shelled

'Last Warning'

GF110806 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0727 GMT 11 Feb 84

[Unscheduled announcement]

[Text] People of Iraq, Muslims of the world, and the free people of the world: After all the mercenary Saddam has carried out according to the orders of his masters and following the repeated defeats of the United States and of the Zionists in Lebanon, he has avenged himself against the heroic and resisting people of Dezful. Early this morning, on the anniversary of the Islamic Revolution, with the firing of three missiles, the always proud

city of Dezful was attacked. One of the missiles hit the Afshar Hospital and wounded and martyred a number of hospitalized people and citizens.

Residents of Basra, Mandali, and Khanaqin, now the time has come to show Saddam, the heretic, the divine revenge and power of revenge of the Islamic forces. We ask you the residents of Basra, Mandali, and Khanaqin to continue to evacuate these cities, because in a few hours the answer to the crimes of Saddam will be given. Muslim people of the cities of Basra, Mandali, and Khanaqin, if the Ba'thist mercenaries of Iraq prevent you from leaving these cities and going to other cities of Iraq, you may come to Iran, for you must know that we will welcome you.

This statement is the last warning. The Islamic Republic of Iran lays full responsibility of the consequences of the acts that Iraq has taken upon the shoulders of the Ba'thist rulers.

[Signed] War Propaganda Headquarters

Khamene'i Order

LD110839 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0817 GMT 11 Feb 84

[Text] Dear Listeners: Following Saddam's attack against the heroic town of Dezful, in a speech at a gathering of hundreds of thousands of the people of Mashhad, Mr Khamene'i, president and chairman of the Supreme Defense Council, said: After being informed of Saddam's attack, I ordered the three towns of Basra, Mandali, and Khanaqin to be attacked. He said: According to the reports we have received, the Muslim people of Mandali are evacuating that town at the moment. Mr Khamene'i, chairman of the Supreme Defense Council, again asked the people of Iraq to evacuate Basra, Mandali, and Khanaqin as soon as possible.

'More Hours' Grace

LD111045 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1024 GMT 11 Feb 84

[Unscheduled announcement]

[Text] Please pay attention to a communique which we have just received:

An informed military official has announced: Since it is possible, because of discriminatory measures by the Ba'thist regime and because of pressures brought to bear by the oppressive agents of that regime, that some of the population of the cities of Khanaqin, Mandali, and Basra have not yet been able to leave these cities, we, while warning Iraq's Zionist regime and while declaring the fact to the world circles that the Saddam regime is responsible for the lives of this host of Iraqi people, give the populations of these three cities more hours to withdraw from the said cities, and we categorically declare that tomorrow the cities of Basra, Khanaqin, and Mandali will be rocked under the thunder of the Islamic combatants' guns in retaliation against the recent crimes perpetrated by Saddam's regime against the city of Dezful.

We warn the population of these cities to withdraw from these cities as soon as possible by any means possible.

Arabic Commentary

GF111102 Tehran International Service in Arabic 0955 GMT 11 Feb 84

[Unattributed commentary]

[Text] "Those who are being fought have been unjustly treated. God is capable of granting them victory." [Koranic verse] Muslim Iraqi People, free men and oppressed of the world, peace-loving peoples: Finally, Saddam has carried out his foolish threats to strike at the Islamic cities. His mercenaries fired three surface-to-surface missiles, each closely following the other, at Dezful this morning. He carried out this crime before dawn today.

We draw the attention of the Muslim people of Iraq to the warnings of the president, the Majlis speaker, and the prime minister to evacuate all Iraqi cities and proceed toward the holy cities. And we stress that our valiant and victorious Islamic forces will retaliate firmly and strongly in response to these ugly crimes so that Saddam and his masters in the White House, the Kremlin, and the Elysee will know that the sons of Islam are not frightened by mad and foolish actions or by cowardly threats and that their response and the strength of their response will be commensurate with the strength of their faith and the just cause they are defending. Saddam's crimes against the innocent in hospitals, [word indistinct], and populated cities will not go unpunished. The punishment will be harsh and its consequences will be borne by the tampering and criminal gang that rules Baghdad and those who support them. Now we must defend Islamic sanctities and the blessed Islamic Revolution.

Victory will be for the oppressed and victims of injustice. "Victory comes only from Almighty God." [Koranic verse]

'Final Warning'

LD112120 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2030 GMT 11 Feb 84

[Text] Our correspondent contacted the War Propaganda Headquarters at 2100 and learned that the Iranian combatants, as a final warning to the honorable inhabitants of Mandali and Basra to evacuate the two towns, began firing star shells over Basra and Mandali at 2000. The firing is continuing.

The firing of star shells over Basra and Mandali is indicative of the resolute decision by the Islamic Republic of Iran to retaliate against Saddam. This decision will be implemented in the early hours of tomorrow [12 February].

The War Propaganda Headquarters once again calls on the inhabitants of Basra, Khanaqin, and Mandali to evaucate the towns as soon as possible.

Shelling Time Set

LD120313 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0230 GMT 12 Feb 84

[Statement of War Propaganda Headquarters released during "last hours of 11 February"]

[Text] In the name of God, the crusher of the tyrants.

Citizens of Basra, Mandali, and Khanaqin: Following previous statements and warnings, the barrage shelling of the three cities of Basra, Mandali, and Khanaqin will begin today at 0630 Iraqi time [0330 GMT].

Therefore, evacuate the cities as speedily as possible. Should Ba'thist agents prevent you from doing so, attack and disarm them and organize your struggle against Saddam's Zionist regime. We also call on Iraqi soldiers not to place themselves at the service of the antihuman designs of the Saddamist regime and the enemies of Islam any more. They should hand their weapons over to the people of their country and place themselves at the disposal of the Islamic revolution of Iraq.

If you support God, He will support you and firm your feet. [Koranic quotation in Arabic]

Shelling Begins 12 Feb

GF120512 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 12 Feb 84

[Text] After 40 months of patience and after official warnings by the Iranian Republic, our retaliatory attacks on the cities of Basra, Khanaqin, and Mandali began this morning and these three cities shook under the shelling of the Islamic fighters.

According to reports received from the southern and western fronts, the attacks of our powerful artillery began at 0700 hours Iran time [0330 GMT] today, in reply to the shelling and missile attacks by the Baghdad officials on our cities and for yesterday's shelling of Dezful.

We might as well mention here that we waited 5 days after warning the people of Iraq and that we issued our last warning yesterday to the people of Basra, Khanaqin, and Mandali, giving them ample time to evacuate the region. Last night at 2100 hours Tehran time, several flare shells were fired over Khanaqin and Basra. Also the Arabic-language broadcast of the Islamic Republic of Iran yesterday gave warning of today's attack to the Iraqi people. This was done to reduce the number of casualties.

It is to be recalled that from the more than 118 missile, artillery, and aircraft attacks carried out by Iraq on cities of the Islamic Republic since the beginning of the war, according to official reports, at least 4,600 Iranian citizens have been killed and more than 22,000 noncombatants have been wounded in Iran. Similarly, many houses, shops, and hospitals have been destroyed in our country.

Mandali 'Almost Deserted'

LD121036 Tehran IRNA in English 0937 GMT 12 Feb 84

[Text] Tehran, Feb. 11, IRNA — The city of Mandali is almost deserted as the people have moved out of the city in response to the Islamic Republic's call for the evacuation of Mandali, Khanaqin,and Basra for Sunday's retaliatory action by the Islamic Forces.

A spokesman for the war information headquarters today thanked the people of Mandali for their prompt action and called on Iraqis in Basra and Khanaqin to do the same as soon as possible since the deadline for their evacuation would end at midnight.

The spokesman said a large group of people had also left Basra but some had engaged in clashes with the Iraqi security forces who had prevented people from continuing the evacuation.

He added that the Islamic Republic did not want to inflict loss of life on the Iraqi people during its retaliatory attacks and therefore requested the Iraqi people in Basra and Khanaqin to either cross the Shatt al-Arab water way into the Islamic Republic or through any other border point in case they faced obstruction by the Iraqi security authorities to migrate to other Iraqi cities.

The spokesman said despite its desire the Islamic Republic had been forced to launch its attacks against these cities after warnings to the Iraqi regime were not heeded and the city of Dezful was attacked by five missiles today, on the anniversary of the Islamic revolution.

"Islam will take harsh retaliation and they (the Iraqi rulers) cannot escape death by resorting to the help of the United States or the reactionary rulers in the region," he said.

Basra Evacuation

LD121752 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 12 Feb 84

[Text] Basra, one of the three cities which after 40 months of patience and forbearance came under the artillery fire of our mightycombatants, has been almost completely evacuated and a large number of its people have migrated to other Iraqi cities and to Kuwait. A large number of hotels in Kuwait are full of travelers who have come to this shaykhdom during the past 3 days and this has resulted in shortage of bread in Kuwait.

On the basis of reports received from Basra, state offices and schools of this city were closed today and the foreign commercial firms, together with most of the employees of several consulates in Basra, had left the city before the shelling started. The Ba'thist regime of Iraq, while encouraging the people to stay in Basra as much as 3 days ago, had prepared the grounds for office employees and state installations to evacuate the city.

Around noon today, several Iranian artillery shells hit the Iraqi radio and television station, the Basra center, and as a result there

has been considerable disruptions in broadcasting of the voice of Iraq radio.

Several reliable reports indicate that the anxious Ba'thist officers are trying hard to stop the remaining people in Basra from leaving the city. This has led to chaos and has raised the resistance mentality among the people and they have clashed with the Ba'thist officers who up to yesterday were the superior power of the city.

Other reports indicate that a group of the people who were not seriously inclined to clash with Ba'thist officers has been able to leave the city by bribing the Ba'thist officers with money and jewelry.

Also several reports received from Kuwait, quoting the citizens of Basra who have gone to this shaykhdom, indicate intense clashes between the Ba'thist officers and the people of Basra. According to the same reports, large groups of Basra inhabitants have moved to the western and southern suburbs of this city. Other reports have reached us on the increasing population levels of Najaf and Karbala'.

In Basra, signs of fear and horror can be clearly observed on the faces of the state officials. Despite the fact that intervention of the state officials has created difficulties for the people of Basra in evacuating the city, they are happy in their hearts and are hoping that the decisive actions of the Islamic Republic of Iran would continue to lead to the overthrow of the despotic Ba'thist regime of Baghdad.

Majlis Speaker Comments

GF121716 Tehran IRNA in English 1622 GMT 12 Feb 84

[Text] Tehran, Feb. 12, IRNA — Majlis Speaker Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani today confirmed Iran's shelling against the three Iraqi cities of Basra, Khanaqin and Mandali and said Iraq would suffer heavily if the rulers in Baghdad continue to go insane.

The moment our combatant nation was waiting for finally came with the foolish actions by the Iraqis and today our combatants in the fronts brought under fire the three Iraqi cities specified by our president.

We hope the people will not be harmed and they would be able to save themselves from these cities. Inshallah [God willing] we will repair the material destructions after the victory (in the war) with the cooperation of the people of Iraq.

Our next move has been planned and the next stages of this (new) development is very clear. It depends on the way the Saddamists react. If they continue to go insane it might cost Iraq heavily. (But) we hope the Iraqi nation will tie the hands of these murderers and prevent the next stages from occurring, the speaker said.

Iranian artillery units opened fire on the three Iraqi cities at seven a.m. (local time) in retaliation for Saturday's Iraqi attack against civilians in the southern city of Dezful.

Five missiles hit the residential areas of Dezful, martyring at least eight people and wounding more than 70 others. Over 100 homes were levelled and some 400 other buildings and homes, a hospital and a school were damaged.

On Imam Khomeyni's message on the anniversary of the Islamic revolution, Speaker Rafsanjani said the message was very important and enlightening and was a document which would influence the future of the revolution.

He said he was certain all the institutions addressed by the imam would closely study the contents of the message and would implement its guidances.

Hojjat ol-Eslam Rafsanjani also praised the unprecedented presence of the Iranian Muslim people in celebrations marking the fifth anniversary of the Islamic revolution yesterday, especially the huge gathering of the people at Tehran's Azadi Square.

Millions of people took part in the ceremonies at the Azadi Square and the streets leading to it.

The massive presence of the people in the streets and squares ... was extremely inspirational for the officials of the country, the deprived people of the world and for all those who think about Islam ... And to the same extent it was a bitter event for the counterrevolution, the enemies of Islam and the arrogant, who had invited the people to stay in their homes.

May God give his blessings to these people. Whatever the revolution has gained comes from these people and the future of the revolution also belongs to them, he said.

Materials on Jerusalem Liberation Maneuvers

President Issues Statement

LD101757 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 10 Feb 84

[Statement by Hojjat ol-Eslam Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i, president and chairman of Supreme Defense Council — recorded]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. With God's assistance, on the anniversary of the glorious Islamic Revolution, the second phase of training maneuvers of the Jerusalem liberation forces start with the participation of a vast number of brave men and fighters in the path of God. The firm resolve of the Iranian nation to fulfill their Islamic duty in the Palestinian issue necessitates such a great mobilization. This Islamic movement will continue until the liberation of noble Jerusalem.

Now the world arrogance, which is frightened of the awakening of the Muslims, is trying to safeguard the results of its long-term conspiracies. Because it regards our victorious Islamic Revolution as its greatest enemy, it has started a serious confrontation of our revolution. By supporting the aggressive regime of Baghdad, for instance, it is trying to prevent the victory of our nation in the imposed war. Our just defense against the Iraqi aggressors is a decisive blow at the evil policies of world arro-

gance and is a major step toward the liberation of beloved Jerusalem.

Inspired by the fact that the road to Jerusalem passes through Karbala', nevertheless, our main policy is to move toward the liberation of Jerusalem. [sentence as heard] Therefore, the units of the great maneuver to liberate Jerusalem should be ready to be present in every part of the extensive fronts of the imposed war, as ordered by their commanders, and should put an end to the aggression of the Iraqi forces.

Now, when this great maneuver has begun throughout the country with the participation of hundreds of thousands of brave fighters, as well as the participation of units from the fighting Iraqi and Lebanese brothers [short break in transmission] I wish to express my sincere thanks to all those who have been involved in this revolutionary move and all the compatriots who, in truth, have been worthy supporters of this great enterprise, especially the esteemed ulema and Friday imams who have played a major role in the mobilization of forces. God's peace and blessings be upon you.

Practice Maneuver Begins

LD101759 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 10 Feb 84

[Text] The liberation of Jerusalem practice maneuver began today with the participation of six battalions of brothers from the Central Headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps in the 'Aliabad region in Qom. In this maneuver, which lasted for more than 1 hour 30 minutes, the combatants of Islam expressed their readiness and ability to confront the Zionist mercenaries and to liberate Jerusalem from the paws of the oppressors.

Afghan Mujahidin To Participate

GF101550 Tehran IRNA in English 1532 GMT 10 Feb 84

[Text] Tehran, Feb 10 IRNA — Islamic organisations and the Muslim mujahideen of Afghanistan have announced their preparedness to take part in the liberation of Quds maneuvers to be conducted by the Islamic combatants of Iran. In the announcement, they have also demanded the world Muslims to form a universal Islamic army under the leadership of Imam Khomeyni, the leader of the revolution and founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

First Division Departs

LD110843 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0832 GMT 11 Feb 84

[Unscheduled announcement]

[Text] Dear listeners, the combative nation of Islamic Iran, following the crimes committed by the dying regime of Saddam and following the order issued by the president addressed to the forces taking part in the Jerusalem Liberation Maneuvers, one Jerusalem division left Hamadan for the fronts after taking part in the maneuvers. With the help of God, the departure for the fronts of the forces fighting to liberate Jerusalem will end the disgraceful life of the Zionist gang.

IRNA Reports Maneuvers

GF111647 Tehran IRNA in English 1555 GMT 11 Feb 84

[Text] Tehan, Feb. 11, IRNA — Thousands of Muslim fighters of Iran started military maneuvers about 70 kms west of here early this morning as a prelude to the liberation of Al-Quds.

The Iranian forces participating in the maneuvers include militia, several units of the armed forces of the Islamic Republic, and Muslim fighters from several Muslim states. In addition to these maneuvers near here other maneuvers are also being staged in about 90 other locations by Muslim fighters throughout the country.

In a message to the armed forces and militia yesterday, President Khamene'i reminded them that the supercilious world powers who worried about the consequences of the triumph of the Islamic Revolution are bent on exterminating the Islamic revolution by preventing the imminent victory of the Muslim forces of Iran in the imposed war. He called on all forces participating in the maneuvers to prepare themselves for fighting in the battlefronts where and when they may be needed, and once and for all put an end to the invading Iraqi troops. He also thanked the thousands of Muslim combatants participating in the maneuvers and wished them God's speed in their holy undertaking.

In a similar message yesterday to the Muslim forces participating in the maneuvers, the commander of the Islamic Revolutions Guards Corps, Mohsen Reza'i, urged them to safeguard their dignity and that of the world Muslims and shatter the earth under the feet of occupiers. He called on them not to heed defamatory propaganda against them by the enemies of Islam and march on resolutely towards their ultimate goal resting assured that they are the most sincere of mankind (undertaking the sacred tasks) for the liberation of people in bondage.

In related news Lebanese Muslims participating in the Ten-Day-Dawn ceremonies in Iran marking the fifth anniversary of the triumph of the Islamic Revolution Friday issued a communique requesting permission for participation in the on-going maneuvers for the liberation of Al-Quds, as a duty for safeguarding Islam and the dignity of Muslims.

Advance Into Iraq Cited

LD111713 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1641 GMT 11 Feb 84

[Unnumbered communique of Central Headquarters of Islamic Revolution Guards Corps]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Following the declaration of the readiness of the Jerusalem forces to take part in operations against the Zionist Baghdad regime, the combative and heroic forces of the first Jerusalem division of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, which left Hamadan for

the front of the battle between truth and falsehood in response to the crimes committed by the antihuman regime ruling Baghdad and to the missile attacks against the hero-nurturing city of Dezful, started a series of operations in the Darbandi-Khan region in Iraq, situated to the south of Marivan, and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy, killing or wounding a group of commandoes of the Zionist regime and taking another group of them prisoner.

In the course of this phase of the operations, which started today, the forces of Islam managed to progress more than 15 km inside the mountainous terrain of Darbandi-Khan in Iraq, deep inside this country's territory, and to capture important heights. The powerful Jerusalem forces are at present based in an area 10 km from the Darbandi-Khan dam in Iraq and the Sulaymaniyah-Baghdad road and are completely dominating the lake of the Darbandi-Khan dam.

We hereby ask the inhabitants of Darbandi-Khan in Iraq and the foreign subjects residing in this city to leave this region as soon possible and to move to the other cities in Iraq so that they will not be hurt in the event of shelling of this region.

[Signed] Central Headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps

'Preparational Operations' End

LD121032 Tehran IRNA in English 0953 GMT 12 Feb 84

[Text] Tehran, Feb. 11, IRNA — Preparational operations for the "azadi Quds" (liberation of Quds) maneuvers ended this afternoon and all operational units returned to their bases in various towns and cities.

Eleven units of the Islamic revolution's guards along with popular volunteer forces took part in the operations.

A variety of weapons were used in the operations, from light rifles to tanks, helicopters and war planes.

Reports from operations in Tehran, Shiraz, Sistan va Baluchestan, Ahvaz, Kerman, Esfahan, Shahr-e Kord, Yasuj, Bandar-e Abbas, and a number of other cities spoke of simulated attacks and counter-attacks against enemy positions.

Muslim combatants from the Islamic Republic and several other Islamic countries with ages ranging from 15 to 80 years old participated in the operations and later they analysed the strengths and weaknesses of their combat activities.

Iraqi Terroritory 'Liberated'

LD131021 Tehran IRNA in English 0921 GMT 13 Feb 84

[Text] Bakhtaran, Feb 12, IRNA — The Islamic forces Sunday liberated 110 square km of Iraqi territory in the Darbandi-Khan region and captured the "Shakhsur" and "Shakhshamran" heights, in the first stage of operation "Tahrir-ul Qods" (liberation of Jerusalem), IRNA correspondent in the region reported.

Two companies of one of the battalions of the Qutaybah 2nd army division were destroyed in the operation. Seventy-eight Iraqi soldiers were killed only on one of the heights of the region and a considerable amount of arms and ammunition were seized. The correspondent also reported that an Iraqi counter-attack was crushed at 10:00 hours (local time) Saturday. The Iraqis used three helicopters, heavy artillery fire and other weapons along with the remaining defeated forces of the Qutaybah Battalion.

A group of Iraqis were also taken captive in the counterattack, four of whom were from the Qutaybah Battalion. The Darbandi-Khan dam is in the fire range of the Islamic forces and they have complete surveillance on the Darbandi-Khan lake as well as the Sulaymaniya-Darbandi-Khan road. The "Shakhsur" heights are four km long and 1,000 metres high and the "Shakhshmaran" heights are five km long and 1,540 metres high.

Meanwhile the governor general of Bakhtaran and two Majlis deputies from the province visited the liberated areas today.

Further Successes Detailed

GF131030 Tehran International Service in Arabic 0700 GMT 13 Feb 84

[Text] The forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran have been able, in the first stage of the Jerusalem liberation operation, which started in the Iraqi region of Darbandi-Khan at 2200 yesterday, with the watchword "Labbayk Ya Khomeyni," to control the heights of Shahsur and Shahshamran and height No 1,540. As a result of this operation, Islam's heroes are currently in full control of the dam and lake of Darbandi-Khan and the 500 meter-long tunnel on the way from Darbandi-Khan to Sulaymaniyah and the essential and logistic axes of the forces of the ruling regime in Iraq. The Darbandi-Khan dam and lake and the Darbandi-Khan-Sulaymaniyah axis are all within the range of our forces fire.

Islam's forces, during these operations, were able to take control of the specified targets. They were also successful in liberating 110 square km of Iraqi land. Two companies of the Qutaybah Battalion belonging to the 2d Division of the forces of the ruling regime in Iraq were completely destroyed. In only one of the heights that were seized by the Islamic heroes, more than 78 Saddamists were killed. Other Saddamists, including 4 commandoes from the Qutaybah Battalion,were captured by Islam's forces.

Armed Forces Joint Staff Issues Communiques

Communique No 1,631

LD101739 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 10 Feb 84

[Communique No 1,631 of Joint Staff of Armed Forces of Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] During the past 24 hours, exchanges of artillery and heavy weapons fire continued sporadically and periodically between the powerful forces of Islam and the aggressive enemy on most of the

northwestern, western, and southern operational fronts of the country. These exchanges were more intense in the Sumar, Qasr-e Shirin, and Shalamcheh regions. On all fronts, the combatants of Islam consolidated their defensive positions; opened artillery and heavy weapons fire on enemy artillery and tank positions, supply routes, and motorized columns; dispatched patrol groups and ambush teams to the defensive positions of the Saddamist forces; stopped enemy light and heavy weapons fire and construction activities; and controlled Iraqi forces' movements and traffic, thus inflicting losses and casualties on the enemy. On every front, they killed or wounded a number of the Saddamists, while all the patrol groups of our forces, after carrying out their missions, returned safely to their bases.

In the Mehran region, an enemy patrol group came under the heavy weapons fire of the heroes of the Gendarmerie; the enemy fled after suffering casualties. On the Arvand Rud fronts, the heroes of the Gendarmerie opened fire on enemy positions and units on the far side of the Arvand Rud, destroying eight enemy weapons positions, silencing their fire, and killing or wounding a number of Saddamists.

Yesterday, the city of Abadan again came under the Iraqi Ba'thist forces heavy weapons fire. As a result, six houses were damaged and one civilian compatriot was martyred.

Communique No 1,632

LD111807 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 11 Feb 84

[Communique No 1,632 of Joint Staff of Armed Forces of Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] The Saddamist mercenaries fired three missiles on the heroic city of Dezful between 0435 and 0455 and again hit the city with two missiles at 1106. As a result, 8 of our civilian compatriots were martyred and about 70 of them were wounded. In addition, about 100 houses were completely destroyed in this city and 400 houses, 1 hospital, and 1 school were damaged.

Fire exchanges and clashes continued yesterday in the Piranshah, Sar Dasht, and Hajj 'Umran operational sectors and the combative forces of Islam, by opening intense fire, halted enemy movements and killed a number of Iraqi troops. Our forces observed activities of the enemy infantry personnel and movements of the Saddamist forces in the Marivan and Panjwin operational sectors, and by opening fire halted their activities.

One enemy combat patrol group tried to infiltrate positions of our warriors on one of the fronts in the northwestern operational sector, but thanks to the vigilance and timely fire of our forces, the Iraqi patrol group fled after suffering some losses.

Fire exchanges continued in the western operational sector; our forces, while defending the regions under their protection, set ablaze one enemy ammunition depot and several slit trenches.

Sporadic fire exchange between our units and the enemy forces continued along the front lines of the southern operational sector and our combative units, by opening fire on enemy positions, crushed their movements. On these fronts, two enemy patrol groups intended to approach our forces' positions; they were confronted by the fire of our units on the front lines and,after suffering some losses and casualties, they were forced to flee.

As a result of the enemy's long-range artillery fire on the city of Abadan yesterday, eight houses, one hospital, and one school were damaged.

Communique No 1,633

LD121807 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 12 Feb 84

[Communique No 1,633 of Joint Staff of Armed Forces of Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] For several days, the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran has warned the residents of Basra, Mandali, and Khanaqin to evacuate the towns as soon as possible. This follows the horrifying crimes committed by the cruel Ba'thists of Iraq who fired rockets at Dezful and dragged a number of our compatriots in blood and dust. Today, at 0700, the powerful combatants of Islam pounded the towns of Basra, Mandali, and Khanaqin with their long-range field guns.

During the past 24 hours, exchanges of artillery and heavy weapons fire continued between the victorious combatants of Islam and the aggressive enemy along all the operational fronts of Piranshah, Sar Dasht, and Marivan. Our forces opened fire on enemy positions and units, destroying some Saddamist positions on these fronts. Four enemy heavy and light vehicles and one loader were destroyed in the Panjwin region and, by silencing enemy fire, our forces foiled the movements and activities of enemy patrol groups. At 2200 yesterday, one enemy patrol unit advanced to infiltrate our defensive lines in the Hajj 'Umran region, but the combatants of Islam, vigilant and enjoying firepower supremacy, dispersed the enemy patrol group after combat lasting 45 minutes.

On the western fronts, the powerful combatants of Islam, while defending areas under their protection, dispatched patrol groups, executed artillery fire on enemy positions and supply and infiltration routes, observed Saddamist forces' movements, killed and wounded a number of Iraqi personnel, set fire to an ammunition depot, destroyed a number of foxholes and trenches of the Iraqi forces as well as several of their vehicles.

In the southern regions, the combatants of Islam continued to fortify their defensive positions and kept watch on enemy motorized column movements; they opened heavy weapons fire on these columns whenever necessary. In the Bajaliyah region, inside Iraq, our forces pounded enemy positions and killed a number of Iraqi soldiers. Engineering operations of the Iraqi forces throughout the region were halted by our forces.

In exchanges of fire on the Abadan and Khorramshahr fronts, Gendarmerie warriors and the courageous personnel of the Navy opened fire on the positions and fortifications of the Iraqi forces situated on the other side of the Arvand Rud, killing a number

of Iraqi forces and destroying more than 12 heavy and light weapons emplacements of the Iraqi Ba'thist mercenaries.

The city of Abadan came under Iraqi Ba'thists' long-range weapons fire at dawn today. A number of our dear patriots were martyred or wounded and a number of houses were damaged.

Musavi Describes 12 Feb Cabinet Session

LD121352 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 12 Feb 84

[Excerpts] The Cabinet, presided over by Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi, held a meeting this morning and discussed the country's current issues and the region's political developments. Afterward, our correspondent spoke to the prime minister on the issues raised at the meeting:

[Begin recording; correspondent] Mr Musavi: Please tell us about the most important topics raised at today's meeting. Also, would you please comment on the latest reports about the Iraqi imposed war on Iran?

[Musavi] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. During this meeting, a couple of important news reports were raised. One was the Iraqi missile attack. As we had already declared our stance, we had issued the necessary warnings to the citizens of Basra, Mandali, and Khanaqin. Last night, in order to make clear the capability of our combatants in shelling the towns and to make one final warning, we also fired some flares toward the said towns. The firing of the flares continued into the morning. In the morning, we began our shellings. As far as we know, the citizens have already evacuated their towns. This is going to be our method in the future. The stance of the Islamic Republic is quite decisive. This is a method that should be naturally accepted by world public opinion; the humanitarian methods adopted by the Islamic Republic can influence nations of the world. [end recording]

Other points raised during today's Cabinet meeting included Lebanon and the Sarcheshmeh refinery. The latter is a gigantic complex that over the past 2 years has already inaugurated some of its units.

We then discussed attempts being made by America during the past couple of weeks against the Islamic Republic. These attempts include the creation of certain climates and political pressures. Some instances were cited, including the recent measures by the so-called human rights and Amnesty International. Needless to say, these bodies have no credibility in our nation. Then there is the pressure exerted on our faithful and revolutionary forces abroad. At a time when criminals are enjoying protection under the French Socialist umbrella and holding their own assemblies and gatherings, 100 students, who tried to demonstrate in Paris in support of the Islamic Republic — in Paris which is supposed to be the cradle of civilization and freedom — were arrested. This shows the violence and savagery of the French Socialist Government against the Islamic Republic. Of course, we do understand their discomfort for, obviously, their interests have been severely threatened by the Islamic Republic.

Later, we were briefed on some other items of reports. We believe that all these things are futile, considering the revolution that is in progress inside the country as well as the people's movement. We also discussed the successful operations on the Darband front. This concerns the advance of our forces toward the Darband dam in Iraq. This supplies some of Iraq's electricity. As far as we know and reports indicate, our combative forces have captured very sensitive heights in that area. Right now, the dam is being threatened. Our combative forces have alerted the inhabitants of the town near the dam to evacuate, for we may shell it in response to Iraq's savage acts. Right now, the dam is both within our forces' observation and artillery range.

Shelling of Khorramshahr, Abadan Intensified 12 Feb

GF121702 Tehran IRNA in English 1650 GMT 12 Feb 84

[Text] Tehran, Feb. 12, IRNA — The Iraqi forces have intensified their bombardment of residential areas of the southern Iranian port cities of Khorramshahr and Abadan since this morning.

The intensification of the Iraqi shelling of these two cities followed yesterday's missile attacks against Dezful in the same province, Khuzestan, which resulted in the martyrdom of eight civilians and wounding of 70 others.

Today's Iraqi attack against Abadan's residential quarters completely devastated three school buildings, a hospital, some mosques and tens of residential units.

It should be noted that following a five-day warning and giving a one-day extra time by the Iranian officials to the inhabitants of the Iraqi cities of Basra, Mandali and Khanaqin, the Islamic forces of Iran attacked the said cities with their artillery fire this morning.

Since the beginning of the Iraqi-imposed war, the Iraqi attacks against the inhabited areas of Abadan have left 1201 civilians martyred and 7017 others wounded.

15 Deaths Reported

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[Text] In the continuation of repeated daily bombings of Abadan and Khorramshahr, today these two champion cities came under fire by long-range weapons of the Zionist regime of Iraq even more intensely than other days. As a result, 15 were martyred and more than 90 were wounded.

Iraqi Planes Rocket Housing Area of Gilan-e Garb

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[Text] Three aggressive Iraqi planes attacked the martyr-nurturing town of Gilan-e Gharb at 1545 hours today and fired three rockets at residential districts of this town. The ISLAMIC REPUBLIC NEWS AGENCY reports that about 30 were

wounded as a result of this attack. The same report indicates that two houses were completely demolished and 30 other houses were damaged.

KYODO Cites Attack on Petrochemical Complex

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[Text] Tokyo, Feb. 13 KYODO — The Iraqi air attack against southern Iran Sunday is posing a serious threat to the planned resumption of work on an Iranian-Japanese petrochemical complex there.

Mitsui and Co. officials said Monday the attack is forcing Japanese engineers to halt their work. They ruled out the possibility of the bombing resulting in a complete halt of the work, however. Japanese companies involved are not considering withdrawing Japanese workers, they said.

Under an agreement reached last July, the five-company Japanese partner in the joint venture, led by Mitsui, began sending engineers to the complex in Bandar-e Khomeyni early this year.

The full-scale resumption of work on the 85 percent complete project will start this spring as scheduled, they said.

Two Iraqi warplanes attacked the complex in the Persian Gulf port city shortly after noon Sunday, according to reports reaching Mitsui.

The raid apparently was aimed at the complex and a nearby fertilizer plant. Four rockets were fired into the targets and damaged part of a sodium hydroxide plant in the complex, the reports said.

There were no casualties among Japanese and Iranian workers there. There appear to be some unexploded bombs and experts are expected to remove them shortly.

Mitsui was keeping in touch with the Foreign Ministry for detailed information.

The joint venture, Iran-Japan Petrochemical Co., began building the complex in 1973. Work was interrupted by the 1979 Iranian revolution and was halted completely in September 1980 in the wake of the breakout of the Iran-Iraq war.

The Japanese partner has invested 72 billion yen (about 300 million dollars) in the equally-owned joint venture and provided 125 billion yen (530 million dollars) in credits to help finance the project.

President Khamene'i Terms Oil 'Greatest Weapon'

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[Text] Chah Bahar, Feb 11 IRNA — President 'Ali Khamene'i reiterated Thursday that despite the efforts by the oppressive powers to inflict blows upon the Islamic Revolution, today, we are capable of launching operations in all the battlefronts, from north down to the south, and in any region we wish...God willing, we will put an end to the aggressive and Zionist rule in Iraq.

Speaking in a gathering of the people and military members here, the president stressed that the revolution, the people, the leadership and the executive officials were standing against the U.S. and counterrevolutionary instigations with all their might.

He then referred to the recent protests by the Muslims in Morocco, Tunisia and Lebanon, and said that futile efforts were under way to attribute these events to others. However, he said it was not foreign governments who had hands in the incidents in Morocco, but the oppressed people of this country who have waken up and risen against a corrupt ruler.

On the U.S. naval fleet in the Indian Ocean and the Sea of Oman as well as its provocations in the Strait of Hormuz, the president said these would have no effect other than disgracing the U.S.

Terming oil as a divine blessing given to the Persian Gulf countries, President Khamene'i said this oil could run the whole world. If the Persian Gulf is closed to international plunderers, he said, Europe and the U.S. would be sunk in darkness, silence and stagnation. Today, the president reiterated, the Islamic governments possessed the world's greatest weapon. With oil, he said, the U.S. could be brought to her knees and the cancerous tumour called Israel could be thrown out of the heart of the Islamic countries, and thus bring comfort for the deprived and Muslim peoples in the region.

Addressing his remarks to the leaders of oil rich countries, the president said oil did not belong to the U.S. neither to the West. Oil is the wealth of the deprived nations, he said adding that do not let the plunderers possess this great wealth.

Montazeri Receives Martyrs' Families, Kurds

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[Text] A group of families of martyrs from the city of Qom and a number of other cities, accompanied by a group of Kurdish brothers who escaped from the snares of the minigroups and joined the ranks of Islam and the Muslim combatants, yesterday met with Grand Ayatollah Montazeri. During the meeting, referring to the moral status of those martyred along the path of God, he graciously said: Right from the very first day when all the polytheists and infidels united their ranks against it, Islam has triumphed thanks to these martyrdoms and acts of self-sacrifice and has thereby spread throughout the eastern and western parts of the globe. If the companions of the most generous prophet, notwithstanding their scant numbers, had never embarked on self-sacrifice Islam would never be so established in the world.

Comparing the position of Islam and Muslims in the present time with that at the inception of Islam, he graciously emphasized: Now that the Islamic Revolution has triumphed in Iran, Islam's foes are sensing danger to their interests. They have realized full well the fact that the spark that has been struck in this land thanks to the light of Islam will bring its influence to bear on all

parts of the world. They understand the fact that Islam's impending victory in Lebanon and the courageous resistance put up by the Muslims against the U.S., Israeli, French, and British interventionists are due to the inspiration received by the oppressed nations of Lebanon and Afghanistan from the Iranian Revolution. And today they consider Islam as the only obstacle to their interests and, just as the nations of Islam are in a state of awakening and joining Islam and the revolution, Islam's enemies, too, have become allies with one another and thereby a bitter war has been engendered in the region between Islam and blasphemy.

Today our war against Saddam is not a war between Iran and Iraq, but rather one between Islam and blasphemy. In order to crush the Islamic Revolution, the superpowers have equipped Saddam and set him at the throat of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Referring to the issue of jihad in Islam and the fact that more than 300 verses exist in the Koran in connection with jihad, Grand Ayatollah Montazeri then graciously said: In the past, things had come to such a pass that one would have thought that the verses on jihad had been crossed by red ink and that that concept of it no longer applied in our society.

In connection with reverence for the blood of our martyrs and the responsibility for maintaining the reverence, he graciously emphasized: With their jihad, our dear martyrs have carried out their responsibility in the best possible manner and thereby achieved their main aim, meeting with God. Enjoying divine mercy, they are now the guests of Almighty God and are blessed by His many bounties. As the Koran says: They are happy near God. They suffer no grief, discomfort, or sadness whatsoever. We should not be distressed at their loss. This well-trodden path which we must all traverse has already been taken by our dear martyrs with pride and bliss, and one should add that they miss us at their side and we should grieve for ourselves as to whether we are carrying out our onerous task in connection with their pure blood.

In connection with the different values of jihad for various individuals, he graciously said: The jihad is the same for everybody. Some wage jihad by going to the battlefronts of the imposed war, others by securing the needs of the lines behind the fronts. The jihad of the families and the relatives of the martyrs lies in their patience and bearing their loss. By their very patience, the families of the martyrs will receive recompense for waging jihad along the path of God and, just as the Koran graciously says about those who are patient: The patient will verily receive an immeasurable recompense. And when Almighty God graciously commands that the patient will be recompensed immeasurably it is obvious how much recompense Almighty God is going to grant for patience and the bearing of calamities.

In connection with the deception of young simpletons by the minigroups, Grand Ayatollah Montazeri graciously said: Why did these groups, which used to introduce themselves as the supporters of the meek among the people and as opponents of imperialism, effectually serve imperialism and stand against the deprived people? Do not the United States, France, and Israel, who are defending them with might and main, constitute imperialism? And were not the hapless and meek workers and farmers and these oppressed and sincere young people in the reconstruction jihad, the Corps, and the mobilization forces who have been martyred by their hand, part of the people? For how long will some of our young simpletons be deceived by such false slogans?

Today, the Islamic Republic's overall positions both at home and abroad, as regards world imperialism and the deprived and meek nations are known to all. Today, thanks to the Islamic Revolution,two open and vast fronts have come about: one is made up of such superpowers as the United States, the USSR, and Europe and the other is made up of the oppressed and meek people in Iran, Lebanon, Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere. Is making a distinction between right and wrong such a difficult task for some of our young people that they cannot understand which front is right and which is wrong and on which side imperialism stands? Therefore, let them ponder a little and use their intellect as a judge and let them not fall into the snares constituted by the plots of the superpowers and the foes of Islam.

Referring to the 100-year war waged by the West against Islam and Muslims and the rise of Saladin the Ayyubite, Grand Ayatollah Montazeri then addressed our Kurdish brothers: Leaning on Islam and his Islamic personality that zealous man stood up to the 100-year onslaught by the colonialists and liberated dear Jerusalem from their hands until recently when Jerusalem regrettably was once again occupied by the Zionist occupationists.

Referring to the plot hatched by the minigroups in Kordestan, he graciously said: You saw for yourselves the origin of those people who issued these slogans and what they did to you, our Muslim brothers and sisters and scholarly clergymen in the Kordestan region. You should all unite against the plots hatched by Islam's enemies and defend Islam and the Koran.

After the problem of the crusaders, they created Israel in the region to further their sinister, anti-Islamic aims; and today, too, they have commissioned Saddam and the infidel minigroups to achieve their targets and to open up the path. It is the Koran and Islam that are your true supporters. Just like Saladin the Ayyubite you should strive to defend Islam and the Koran and stand up to the barbarous onslaught of Zionism and its agents in the region.

In conclusion, he prayed for the victory of Islam's combatants and for long life for the imam of the Islamic nation.

Foreign Minister Sends Condolences to UAE

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[Text] Foreign Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati sent a cable of condolences to the UAE minister of foreign affairs, condemning the cowardly assassination of the ambassador of this emirate in France. According to IRNA, the Iranian ambassador to the UAE also sent a similar message yesterday to Shaykh Ahmad bin 'Abdul 'Aziz al-Mubarak, the chief of the shari'a courts of the emirate, who is the father of the late UAE ambassador in Paris.

According to this report, the Iranian ambassador to the UAE denied the claim of the French state radio that the responsibility for the assassination of Oveysi, the famous butcher of Tehran and the assassination of the UAE ambassador in Paris, lies on Iran and said: Keeping in mind the close relations between Iraq and France, these two countries, by publishing false reports, are bent upon straining the friendly relations between Iran and UAE. It is clear that this claim is a baseless lie.

It may recalled that the charge d'affaires of the UAE in Kuwait and the consul of this country in Bombay, India,also were attacked last year and later on it was found that these cowardly assassinations were committed by the agents of the Iraqi regime.

Pakistani Paper Reports Musavi's Resignation
GF111330 Lahore NAWA-E WAQT in Urdu 2 Feb 84 p 1

[From radio report]

[Text] Tehran, 31 Jan 84 — The Iranian Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi has resigned from his post but has been asked to continue in office until a new government can be set up. Speculation about the appointment of Islamic Majlis Speaker Hashemi-Rafsanjani as the most likely replacement is gaining ground.